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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. Although the lawsuit was lengthy and costly for taxpayers, I am happy that Microsoft will not be broken up. The terms of the settlement seem fair.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft has agreed to improve its relations with computer makers and software developers. It has also agreed to design future Windows versions so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. These concessions and more make up the basis for a settlement that is aimed at protecting consumer rights.

While it is not perfect, it is the best thing that could happen. Our nation needs Microsoft back in action and innovating like they have been for over 10 years. Hopefully, your office can overcome any opposition there may be in the federal government to the settlement, and bring a swift end to this already tiresome case. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula Lazutin  
President of Alco Marketing and Sales  
Microsoft shareholder